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SUBJECT: U.S.-MEX BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS ON MARINE MAMMALS

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1. US DELEGATION COMPOSED OF OFFICIALS DEPTS STATE,
COMMERCE AND INTERIOR, AND CONSERVATION GROUP
REPRESENTATIVE MET WITH GOM DEPT FISHERIES OFFICIALS
MEXICO CITY JAN 11 AND 12, 1978. DISCUSSIONS WERE
CONSIDERED SUCCESSFUL AND US GROUP FELT RESULTS WERE MORE
PRODUCTIVE THAN EXPECTED.

2. MEXICANS INITIATED DISCUSSIONS BY PRESENTING THEIR
ONGOING WORK AND CONSERVATION REGULATIONS RELATIVE MARINE
MAMMALS, FOLLOWED BY US DELEGATION. DOCUMENT WAS DRAFTED
SUMMARIZING DISCUSSIONS AND INCLUDING SPECIAL
RECOMMENDATIONS TO WHICH BOTH DELEGATIONS AGREED. MAIN
POINTS OF AGREEMENT BY DELEGATES INCLUDE:

A) NEED FOR BILATERAL AGREEMENT FOR CONSERVATION OF MARINE
MAMMALS. B) WITH RESPECT TO WHALES AREAS OF PRIORITY ARE
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SCAMMON'S LAGOON, SAN IGNACIO LAGOON, AND MAGDALENA BAY,
BAJA CALIF. C) NEED TO STUDY AND CONTROL HARASSMENT OF
MARINE MAMMALS BY PLEASURE OR COMMERCIAL CRAFT. D) NEED
FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AND BEHAVIORAL STUDIES. E) NEED TO
CONDUCT SURVEY ON MARINE MAMMALS COASTS OF BOTH NATIONS.
F) NEED FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF BIOLOGISTS IN
ASPECTS OF MARINE MAMMAL CONSERVATION, AND G) NEED FOR

IMPLEMENTING AN EFFECTIVE DATA EXCHANGE SYSTEM.

3. MEXICAN DELEGATES INDICATED THAT FINAL DRAFT OF
DISCUSSION WORKING DOCUMENT WOULD BE SENT TO THE FONOFF
FOR CONSIDERATION AND SUGGESTIONS WITH OBJECTIVE OF USING
IT AS BASIS FOR DRAFTING A BILATERAL AGREEMENT. LUCEY

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